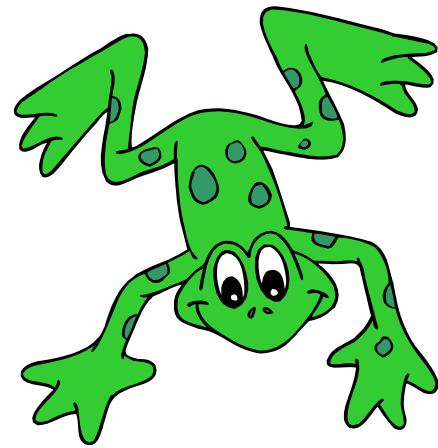


First Grade Leaps Into Learning

October 22, 2010



Assured Readiness for Learning / Reading News

To review what we learned this past week, ask your child the following questions (*correct answers provided*): What letters and sounds did you learn this week? (*r* and *i*) What keys did you learn to read? (*it*, *id*, and *im*)

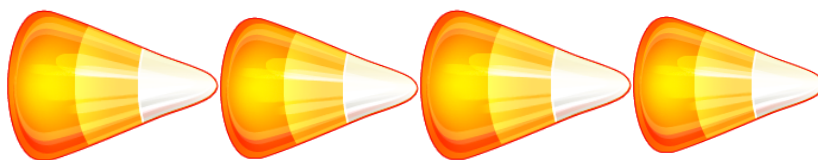
Next week we will work on the letters and sounds for *b* and *sh*. Please continue to practice handwriting at home. Our new keys will be *ip*, *ib*, *ick*, and *ish*. The "circle words" will be *who*, *this*, *be*, *buy*, *that*, *very*, *she*, *put*, and *where*. We will practice writing letters, keys, and words on a 9-box matrix.

Please continue to practice reading the key stories.

Math News

This week in math we worked on sums for addition sentences written in the vertical format (Math SOL 1.5). We also solved addition problems by drawing pictures (Math SOL 1.5, 1.6). All students will be expected to master basic addition facts to 18 by the end of this year. This means knowing them at the instant recall level, without relying on counters or fingers to add. You can practice facts at home with flashcards, computer games, and by verbal practice as you drive through town.

Next week we will have fun with "Halloween Math". We'll estimate how many pieces of candy corn are in a jar (Math SOL 1.1), measure length with candy corn (Math SOL 1.9), add and subtract (Math SOL 1.5), create a Halloween pattern (Math SOL 1.17), and make a graph called "What We Will Be for Halloween" (Math SOL 1.14, 1.15).



Science / Social Studies News

This week we worked on map skills (Soc. St. SOL 1.5). To see what your child can explain about maps, ask the following questions:

- How are land and water shown on a map? (Land is shown in colors. Water is always blue.)
- What is a map? (A map is a drawing that shows what places look like from above.)
- What is a map legend or key? (A list of shapes and symbols used on a map.)

Next week we will have some fun listening to Halloween stories and doing some Halloween art projects. We will also review the concepts and facts we've learned so far in the first advisory.

A Reminder about Reporting Absences

Please call the office (622-8090), complete the on-line absence reporting form on the home page of our HJB website at www.wcps.k12.va.us/hjb, or send an e-mail by 8:45 am if your child will not be in school. A written excuse explaining the reason for the absence is required the day your child returns to school after being absent.



Important Dates in October

- 23 - PTO Fall Festival 5:00-8:00 pm
- 27 - Scheduled conferences

Important Dates in November

- 1 - NO SCHOOL Professional Day for Teachers
- 2 - NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences
1:00 - 4:00 and 5:00 - 7:00
- 3 - Scheduled conferences
- 11 - End of First Advisory
- 18 - Report Card Day
- 24 - Early Release for holiday
- 25-26 - NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation

